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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT OF ROMANIAN SECTION VASILE VOLOSENIUC (CHAIRMAN OF ROMANIAN BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE) TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING COUNCIL SESSION. VOLOSENIUC ASSURED US THAT INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED BY US COMPANY OFFICIALS WILL BE MADE AND WILL INCLUDE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO ASSURE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE RESULTS. (ROMANIAN CHAMBER WILL BE SENDING PROGRAM OF INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS DIRECTLY TO US CHAMBER BY TELEX).

2. VOLOSENIUC, REPEATING PRIME MINISTER'S EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR CONCRETE RESULTS (REFTEL), MADE SPECIAL POINT BY OPENING HIS REMARKS TO AMBASSADOR WITH STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT GOR WOULD LIKE THIS COUNCIL SESSION TO RESULT IN THE SIGNING OF SOME MAJOR CONTRACTS IN CERTAIN PRIORITY SECTORS; HE MENTIONED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND GENERAL AREA OF MACHINE TOOLS INCLUDING ELECTROTECHNOLOGY AS POSSIBLE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH CONTRACTS COULD BE CONCLUDED, AND US FIRMS GENERAL TIRE, SINGER, PFIZER, WARNER-

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LAMBERT, AND NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION AS

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE PROJECT NEGOTIATIONS IN MORE ADVANCED STAGES. WE WILL PASS ON ANY MORE SPECIFICS WE RECEIVE. WE WOULD URGE, THEREFORE, THAT US FIRMS ON COUNCIL COME PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE OUT THOSE CONTRACTS WHICH ARE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT SO THAT WE CAN TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE US EXPORT PROGRAM.

3. CONCERNING SCHEDULE (REFTEL, PARA 2), VOLOSENIUC SAID ROMANIANS ATTACH SOME IMPORTANCE TO HOSTING FIRST SOCIAL GATHERING OF COUNCIL. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION AND, FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, SEE THIS AS NORMAL HOSPITALITY PRACTICE HERE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COUNCIL OPINION ON THIS POINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO SWITCH AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 31 AT 1930, WITH ROMANIAN SOCIAL EVENT ON THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30 AT 1930. (EMBASSY BRIEFING WOULD STILL TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED AT 1630 HOURS ON MAY 30.)
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